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It is reported that the Bolivian Partido Izquierda Revolucionario (PIR) and the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) are following separate courses in their preparations for the May elections. Each party is preparing its own slate of candidates and there appears to be no probability of an election alliance on a nation-wide basis. Newspaper accounts of the organization of a Frente Anti-Imperialista for the elections, to be composed of the PIR, the MNR-Villarroelista, and the Partido Obrero Revolucionario (FOR) have met with vigorous denial by PIR leader Ricardo Anaya and MRR-Villarroelista leader Julian V. Montellano.

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Comment. Both the PIR and the MNR may enter into opportunitistic local alliances with other parties and possibly with each other in some localities.

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